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Purpose: To express the sense of Congress on the implementation of the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018 with respect to Taiwan arms sales.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. GARDNER

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1 At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the fol-  
2 lowing:

3 **SEC. 12 . IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASIA REASSURANCE**  
4 **INITIATIVE ACT WITH REGARD TO TAIWAN**  
5 **ARMS SALES.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
7 ings:

8 (1) The Department of Defense Indo-Pacific  
9 Strategy Report, released on June 1, 2019, states:

10 “[T]he Asia Reassurance Initiative Act, a major bi-

1       partisan legislation, was signed into law by Presi-  
2       dent Trump on December 31, 2018. This legislation  
3       enshrines a generational whole-of-government policy  
4       framework that demonstrates U.S. commitment to a  
5       free and open Indo-Pacific region and includes ini-  
6       tiatives that promote sovereignty, rule of law, de-  
7       mocracy, economic engagement, and regional secu-  
8       rity.”.

9           (2) The Indo-Pacific Strategy Report further  
10       states: “The United States has a vital interest in up-  
11       holding the rules-based international order, which in-  
12       cludes a strong, prosperous, and democratic Tai-  
13       wan. . .The Department [of Defense] is committed  
14       to providing Taiwan with defense articles and serv-  
15       ices in such quantity as may be necessary to enable  
16       Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capa-  
17       bility.”.

18           (3) Section 209(b) of the Asia Reassurance Ini-  
19       tiative Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 3301 note), signed  
20       into law on December 31, 2018—

21           (A) builds on longstanding commitments  
22       enshrined in the Taiwan Relations Act (22  
23       U.S.C. 3301 et seq.) to provide Taiwan with de-  
24       fense articles; and

1 (B) states: “The President should conduct  
2 regular transfers of defense articles to Taiwan  
3 that are tailored to meet the existing and likely  
4 future threats from the People’s Republic of  
5 China, including supporting the efforts of Tai-  
6 wan to develop and integrate asymmetric capa-  
7 bilities, as appropriate, including mobile, surviv-  
8 able, and cost-effective capabilities, into its mili-  
9 tary forces.”.

10 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
11 gress that—

12 (1) the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018  
13 (Public Law 115–409; 132 Stat. 5387) has recom-  
14 mitted the United States to support the close, eco-  
15 nomic, political, and security relationship between  
16 the United States and Taiwan; and

17 (2) the United States should fully implement  
18 the provisions of that Act with regard to regular de-  
19 fensive arms sales to Taiwan.

20 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the date  
21 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State and  
22 the Secretary of Defense, or their designees, shall brief  
23 the appropriate committees of Congress on the efforts to  
24 implement section 209(b) of the Asia Reassurance Initia-  
25 tive Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 3301 note).

1       (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-  
2 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-  
3 tees of Congress” means—

4           (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the  
5       Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

6           (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the  
7       Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-  
8       resentatives.